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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, the period of response for which runs through May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 17 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 20 of this paper.